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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKEUCHI et al.

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Examiner: Carrillo, B. S.

For: Continuous Pickling Method and Continuous Pickling Apparatus

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the application  
as follows: